



# The City News

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## THE MAYOR'S CORNER

This month, with assistance of our City Manager, I give you a slightly different view of Atlantis this past month. Wasn't it truly spectacular? Go Atlantis!!



Ignition



Liftoff



Going



Gone



Lost? Never! Here to Stay!

I told NASA that the true "stand-by" crew of the Shuttle Atlantis supported every mission and was always ready. I was told to thank everyone for their support.

Officially, we have begun the process of formulating our next year's budget and corresponding tax rate. Things are progressing well. Council and staff are committed to preserving our city and continuing expected levels of service as economically as possible. Every item is being carefully looked at and evaluated. September 7<sup>th</sup> is set for the first budget hearing and final budget approval is set for the September regular council meeting.

Here's to a continued safe summer.

Mayor Michael Dahlgren

City of Atlantis  
260 Orange Tree Drive  
Atlantis, FL 33462

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AUGUST 2011

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*Fall*

*Fall Festival*  
*October 2, 2011*  
*Look for details in*  
*this month's edition!!*

**Next City Council Meeting is Wednesday.**

**August 17, 2011**

**7:00 pm.**

Council Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month in the Council Chambers.

**GET IT FIRST!**

OUR NEWSLETTER IS  
AVAILABLE ONLINE.  
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**Manager's Notes August 2011**

I am still tapping my foot to the music from the summer-long Sunday night John Davidson shows at the Atlantis Country Club. What a wonderful way to spend a summer Sunday evening. John has his own home grown fan club. I know that I saw some of you there for several of the shows. Did any of you catch every show? I didn't make it to every show, but I would like to hear from you if you if you did. Are we too old to be groupies? If you missed his summer shows, I hear he will be back for more through the fall and winter months.

Our window project at City Hall is nearing completion. We are delighted with our new energy efficient impact rated windows. We are waiting for the delivery of the new doors and the project will be complete. Our contractor, J Rawn Enterprises has done a great job. This project was made possible through an Economic Stimulus Energy Grant. We are working on another energy grant for several other projects. Time will tell if this comes to fruition. The tennis courts at Kintz Park have been completed. In spite of all the problems we had, we have persevered. The new courts appear to be what we have been seeking all along.

As always, you can reach me at City Hall during regular business hours or via email at [mthornton@atlantisfl.gov](mailto:mthornton@atlantisfl.gov).

Mo Thornton  
City Manager

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**City News.....**

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 20, 2011.

Ordinance No. 418, an Ordinance granting a Franchise to Florida Power and Light for the continued revenue benefits of the electric services to Atlantis passed 5-0. This will renew our current franchise agreement. Second and Final reading to be held on August 17, 2011

Resolution No. 11-15, passed 5-0. This resolution places liens on certain properties within the Atlantis water and sewer district for unpaid water and/or sewer charges. Eleven residences are outside the city residential area and six are within the residential area.

Resolution No. 11-16 also passed 5-0. This resolution authorizes the mayor to sign an agreement with the Palm Beach Habilitation Center for janitorial services for the city facilities.

In Miscellaneous Business, by a 5-0 vote, council set the preliminary millage rate at 7.5202. This is the roll back rate, and if given final approval, would generate the same amount of revenue as Atlantis received last year. The First Budget Hearing is set for September 7, 2011 at 5:01 p.m.

William Mitchell

(official minutes available at [www.atlantisfl.gov](http://www.atlantisfl.gov))

**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Chief Robert G. Mangold

**Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:****Crime Prevention Tip:** Family Security and Safety tips

Last month information was presented about "Shopping Center Security"; this month we are continuing with information about "Bank ATM Security."

**ATM** bank cash machines have been incorporated in our way of life. They offer a real convenience to those on the run, but at the same time offer an element of risk. Using a bank ATM machine safely requires awareness and a little planning. Just because a bank ATM machine is open and available 24-hours a day doesn't mean it is always safe to use it.

**ATM Robbery Facts**

Most bank ATM robberies occur at night between 7pm and midnight when the machine only produces 10% of the daily transactions. Between 7pm and 4am, the ATMs handle only 11% of the total daily transactions but suffer 60% of the crime.

**Who Are the Robbers?**

Bank ATM robbers are usually males under 25 years of age and most work alone. ATM robbers usually position themselves nearby (50 feet) waiting for a victim to approach and withdraw cash. Half of the ATM robberies occur after the cash withdrawal. Many ATM robbery victims are women and were alone when robbed. Most claim that they never saw the robber coming. Most ATM robbers used a gun or claimed to have a concealed weapon when confronting the victim and demanding their cash.

**Pick a Safe Location**

Use only bank ATM machines in well-lighted, high-traffic areas. ATMs inside busy supermarkets are considered safer. Don't use ATM machines that are remote or hidden such as being located behind buildings, behind pillars, walls, or away from public view. Beware of obvious hiding places like shrubbery or overgrown trees. ATM robbers like to have the element of surprise and no witnesses. Robbers like good escape routes like nearby freeway on-ramps or high speed thoroughfares.

Get a list of ATM locations from your bank and keep it in your car. Choose an ATM that looks and 'feels' safer, even if it is a couple of miles out of the way. Try and limit your use to daylight hours. Take someone with you after hours, if you can. When you drive up to an ATM location, scan the area for any suspicious persons. If you see anyone suspicious that is standing nearby or sitting alone in a car, drive away. When you approach an ATM on foot be prepared and have your ATM card ready. Memorize your personal PIN number to prevent loss and speed the transaction. After inserting your card and your PIN number keep an eye out behind you (the robbers always come from behind or the side). Never accept an offer to help or request for help from a suspicious male at the machine.

**Be Alert**

If anyone suspicious or seemingly dangerous approaches terminate your transaction and leave immediately, even if it means running away and leaving your ATM card in the machine. First, tell the suspicious male in a loud, firm voice to "back-off" and leave you alone. This is designed to startle the person and give you time to flee, if appropriate. It is far easier to apologize later or suffer a little embarrassment for your fear than to become a robbery victim. When you receive cash from the machine put it away immediately, extract your card, and walk away.

If you use your car at a bank drive-thru ATM machine the same rules apply. Make sure there are no obvious hiding places or suspicious persons loitering in the area. If there are, listen to your gut instinct and drive away. Keep your doors locked and the car in gear, with your foot firmly on the brake, while using the ATM machine. Keep a close eye on your rear and side view mirrors during the transaction. Robbers almost always approach from the rear on the drivers' side. If you see anyone approaching, drive off even if it means leaving your ATM card behind. If you are confronted by an armed robber, just give up your money without argument. The cash is not worth serious injury or death. Get to a safe place and call the police immediately.

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**If you or your family members use ATM cash machines on a regular basis, here are some tips that can make the process a little safer:**

- Only use ATM machines in a well-lighted, open, high-traffic area
- Use ATMs at inside busy supermarkets when possible
- If lights around the ATM are not working, don't use that machine
- Avoid bank ATM machines adjacent to obvious hiding places
- When you approach an ATM, scan the area first for loiterers
- Have your card ready and leave quickly, not counting your cash in public
- Walk, run, or drive away immediately if your instincts tell you so
- Beware of offers for help from strangers during an ATM transaction
- Tell any suspicious male in a loud, firm voice to back-off
- Don't argue with a robber, if confronted, and give up the cash
- Don't fight with or attempt to follow the robber
- Drive or walk to a safe place and immediately call the police

Next month we will discuss Family Security at Hotels and Motels

SGT. BRUCE HOFFMAN, CERTIFIED CRIME PREVENTION PRACTITIONER, IS AVAILABLE FOR HOME AND BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION SURVEYS; PLEASE CALL 965-1700 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

July 2011

<b>Total Enforcement:</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Parking:</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Written Warnings:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Citations:</b>	<b>31</b>

## **CRIME STATISTICS**

June 2011

<b><u>Major Crimes</u></b>	<b><u>Residential</u></b>	<b><u>Commercial</u></b>
<b>Burglary (Structures &amp; Vehicles)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Theft (Grand &amp; Petit)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

**Residential Crime Location(s): Residential burglary to an unsecured condominium unit on JFK Dr., and petit theft of fruit from a tree 500 block of South Country Club Dr.**



## MATURE DRIVER'S CLASS AUGUST 16-17

The state of Florida mandates an insurance discount for licensed drivers 55 or older who complete a state approved driver improvement course. Coaching the mature driver qualifies for this discount.

This six hour classroom course has been developed especially for the senior experienced driver. It reviews basic driving techniques and introduces techniques to help offset the effects of having a crash while driving.

Coaching the Mature Driver combines lecture with discussion and video in a lively and informative format.

Reaction time, hearing and vision are often significantly affected by the aging process. Florida also has its particular problems - this **course presents alternatives that will help you avoid a crash!**

**Hosted by:** The City of Atlantis

**Instructed by:** Safety Council of The Palm Beaches

**Cost:** \$10.00 per Person

Complete the sign up sheet below and mail it, along with check or money order to:

**Safety Council of The Palm Beaches**

**4152 West Blue Heron Blvd. Suite # 110**

**Riviera Beach Florida, 33404**

\*\*\*\*\*detach and enclose with check\*\*\*\*\*

**Location:** City of Atlantis Council Chambers

**Dates:** August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> (You must attend both sessions to get a certificate)

**Times:** 9 am- 12 pm both days

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_



## Fall Festival & Green Market Saturday, October 1, 2011 8:00 AM – Noon

We're moving ahead with plans for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Festival & Green Market! Our major sponsor this year is JFK Medical Center, and the City will donate proceeds from the day's events to Cancer research.

The **Green Market** will begin at 8:00 AM at Kintz Park, and continue until noontime. Wicks of Wonder, Palm Beach State College Horticultural Department, City of Atlantis Souvenir Shop, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office and FDOT Traffic Safety will be there. We'll publish a full list of participants in the September newsletter and in a special flyer in mid-September.

We want to have some 🎵 music 🎵 at the Green Market this year. Is someone in your family part of a band? Singing group? Do you and your friends want to "audition" for your neighbors? Contact City Hall if you'd like to be part of the entertainment—you'll have a great audience for your show!

Kick-off events for the **Bike Ride** from Sunset Park to Kintz Park will start at 8:30.

- 8:30 On-site registration at Sunset Park. Coffee, juice, breakfast bars and fruit will be available to get you going!
- 8:45 Fitness expert Carene Kengeter will lead a warm-up session.
- 9:00 Hop on your bikes (you can roller blade or walk, too) for a ride through the City to Kintz Park. Make it a family ride!
- 10:00 When you get to Kintz Park, pick up a hot dog and beverage. We'll have a bounce house, rock wall, a 5-in-1-sports center, and face painting to keep the kids busy. And you can shop at the Green Market, too!

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## Fall Festival & Green Market



A Teaching Affiliate of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

**COST & WRISTBANDS:** For an entrance fee of \$5 for individuals or \$20 for the whole family, you can join your neighbors and friends for a fun-filled morning. Once again, a wristband will be the “ticket” to participate in the Fall Festival.

Do you want to be entered into a drawing for “Green Market Bucks” to spend at the Green Market? Just pre-register at City Hall & buy your wristbands by Wednesday, September 28!

**PLEASE NOTE:** You do not need to purchase a wristband if you are only going to shop at the Green Market. However, only an advance purchase of wristbands qualifies for the drawing for Green Market Bucks.



**WEAR YOUR “ I ATLANTIS” T-shirt!** We’ll be selling T-shirts and other Atlantis souvenirs at the Green Market. This year we’ll have orange T-shirts and tote bags, too—just in time for Halloween!

**VOLUNTEERS—**We’ll need some volunteers during the day. You can work at the pre-event staging area at Sunset Park, at Kintz Park to help set up the Green Market, or after the bike ride to help with lunch and activities at Kintz Park. And we’ll need some help in breaking everything down, too. High school students—this event qualifies for community service credit—so please sign up! Call City Hall (965-1744) if you want to help out.



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DROP OFF PRE-REGISTRATION FORM AT CITY HALL BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**Please make checks payable to “City of Atlantis”  
(\$5 for individuals; \$20 for families)**

**Name and Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Participants:** \_\_\_\_\_ adults and \_\_\_\_\_ children

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_



*Atlantis Golf Club*

*301 Orange Tree Drive*

## JUNIOR GOLF MONTH

It has been a fantastic month for Junior Golf here at Atlantis Golf Club.

We started the month with two weeks of Junior Camp for our member's children, grandchildren and residents of the City. The kids ranged in age from 6 to 15 years old. Over the two weeks we had 27 participants with 21 of them returning on July 15th for the on-course experience and ice cream party. During the week they were exposed to all aspects of the game from putting to full swing with a driver as well as rules and etiquette. We had a great group that seemed to enjoy every day's activities and were troopers during some of our hot days.

This past week Atlantis Golf Club hosted two Junior Events. The Palm Beach County Junior Golf Association had 75 boy and girl participants from 6 years old (9 hole division) to 19 years old playing the South-North Course from as long as 6,892 yards. The SFPGA Junior Tour played 36 holes over two days with 71 boys ages 14 to 18 representing all areas of South Florida from Naples, to Miami, to Vero Beach.

Thank you to all the members for your support and allowing us to host such wonderful events that are paramount to building the future of the great game of Golf. Special thanks to those of you that helped make Atlantis Golf Club stand out amongst the host sites by contributing to our fund to provide lunch and pre-round snacks to all the kids that participated over the three days of tournaments. Geoff, Joel, Chef Steve and all of the staff - THANKS for your hard work to assist me and my staff in providing the best conditions and experience for these young golfers.

Jason M. Brown

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## ATLANTIS COUNTRY CLUB

[www.AtlantisDine.com](http://www.AtlantisDine.com)

190 Atlantis Boulevard  
Atlantis, FL 33462  
561-965-5788

### Summer Hours

#### Golf Café (Snack Bar)

Open all Summer for Breakfast and Lunch

Monday and Tuesday 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday through Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**The Lounge and Dining Room will be closed for the entire month of August.**

### Summer Entertainment Schedule

The John Davidson Show has been such a smash hit that John has added these dates to his 2011 Schedule:

Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17; Friday, October 21 and Sunday, October 23

**Come see us beginning on Thursday, September 1, 2011. We'll open for dinner at 5 p.m. Luncheon service will begin on Tuesday, November 1st. Lunch will be served Tuesday — Friday, 11:30 to 2 p.m.**

Please visit our website for updates. [www.JohnDavidson.com](http://www.JohnDavidson.com)





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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Monday, July 25, 2011

Robert Nelton

Senior Public Relations Specialist

Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department

T: 561.493.6062 F: 561.493.6008 [rneilton@pbcwater.com](mailto:rneilton@pbcwater.com)

### **Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department to Flush Lines with Chlorine Starting August 23**

To maintain high water quality in the County's water distribution system, Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department will temporarily modify the disinfection process used to treat our drinking water. The County will be using a somewhat stronger disinfection process to produce chlorine residual instead of a chloramine residual from August 23, 2011 to September 23, 2011. The County will also increase hydrant flushing during this time. This is a preventative maintenance process.

Customers served by the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department may notice a slight chlorine taste or odor in their tap water during this period. These temporary conditions will not cause adverse health effects. If you are especially sensitive to the taste or odor of chlorine, keep an open container of drinking water in your refrigerator for a few hours to allow the chlorine to dissipate.

Users of home dialysis machines, owners of tropical fish and managers of stores and restaurants with fish and shellfish holding tanks are advised to seek professional advice as the method for removing chlorine residuals differs from removing chloramine residuals from tap water.

This process will not affect Glades Utility Authority customers in Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay.

Should you need more information on this change in the water treatment process, please call the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department at (561) 740-4600, option #3.

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## No postage, No late charges, No checks to write with Automatic Bill Payment

The City of Atlantis Utilities provides customers with the convenience of Auto Pay for their Utility Bills. By providing us with your bank information, the City is able to automatically deduct your utilities payments from your account . You may sign up for this service at any time. The following should answer any questions you may have concerning this service.

**Q. How do I sign up for Auto Draft Services?**

A. Complete the authorization form and send it, or drop it off at City Hall.  
We are located at 260 Orange Tree Drive, Atlantis, Florida 33462.

**Q. How will my bill be paid?**

A. On the fifth of the month following the bill date, your account will be debited for the amount of your bill.

**Q. Do I have to bank with a certain bank?**

A. Your financial institution must be able to access the Federal Reserve Automated Clearing House (ACH). Most U.S. Financial institutions have access to this network. Payments must be made in US Funds.

**Q. Is there a fee for this service?**

A. No

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**SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT:**

Please complete this form and return it along with a voided check.

I authorize the City of Atlantis to instruct my bank/savings institution to make my utility payments from the account listed below. I understand that I control my payments and at any time I wish to discontinue this service, I will notify the City of Atlantis Utilities. I further understand that items returned unpaid are subject to fees by the city.

Customer Name (As shown on bill) \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Community Activities

**CALLING ALL CHESS PLAYERS!**

Anyone interested in playing chess? Perhaps forming a chess club? Please contact **John Davidson** at **973 634-8149**.

**CREATIVE WRITING CLASS !**

Suspended for the summer. Available at other locations. Any questions call **Suzi Lynch 561 968-8649!!**

**THE GREAT BOOK CLUB OF ATLANTIS-**

Suspended for the summer. Call **Dr. Bennett Miller** at **561-968-2675** for further information.

**THE LITERARY** A list of suggested readings for the summer are available in Pat Clem's office at the club. Call **Pat Clem** at **966-7600 ext. 101**

**JEWELRY CLASS:** Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. in the Council Chambers. For information and dates, call **Marie Claude Green** at **561-736-5609** or **561-271-8967** or email her at [CLVERT@AOL.COM](mailto:CLVERT@AOL.COM)

**PERSONAL TRAINING-** Customized training for all needs from young to old. Improve your golf game, core strength, balance, muscle tone, flexibility and achieve weight loss. Improve your overall quality of life. **Carene Kenger-** American Council of Exercise-Certified Personal Trainer Call: **561-313-4026**

**REPUBLICAN CLUB OF CENTRAL PALM BEACH COUNTY :** Meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Atlantis Country Club. For further information call **George Blumel** at **561-543-4971**

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKE WORTH :** Meets every Wednesday at noon for lunch at the Atlantis Golf Club for fellowship and interesting guest speakers. Anyone interested should contact Atlantis Residents **Peggy Vrane (561) 868-5807** **Richard Beiter (561) 965-4282** or **Ron Leeds (561) 969-9600**.

**TENNIS CLASSES:** Contact **Coach Sherwin Anderson** USPTA PRO at **561-588-4557**

**SENIOR TENNIS:**

Monday 9-11 am and Thursday 5-7pm  
Contact: **Betty Ann Badger 561-434-4145**

**WATER COLOR CLASSES:** Suspended for the summer. Call **Joan Tiberi** at **561-547-5123**.

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## **Mature Driving Class**

Mature Driving Class will be held August 16th and 17th in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Check your cards; participants who took the class in September of 2008 will need to renew before Sept. 2nd to continue to get a discount with their insurance company. See Page 6 for details.

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## **OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF :**

**Beck Fisher**

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS:**

**Sandra Ruller**

**Helene Rhind**

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561-965-1744

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by Sandy Thompson (313-1060)

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**EMERGENCY (Fire, Police, Ambulance) 911**

Police and Fire (Non Emergency)	561-965-1700
J F K Medical Center	561-965-7300
Atlantis City Hall	561-965-1744
Building Department	561-965-1796
Police (Administration)	561-965-1711
Utilities Department	561-965-1744
Garbage Collection	561-965-2627
Atlantis Country Club	561-965-7700
Atlantis Golf Club	561-966-7600
Atlantis Realty	561-965-7900

**KINTZ PARK SPLASH PAD HOURS:**

**Monday through Thursday 11am to 4 pm**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11am to 8 pm**

· During periods of heavy rain, the splash pad hours may be suspended.

\* Kintz Park will be closed periodically for maintenance.

**GARBAGE INFORMATION:****BACKDOOR PICKUP**

\* MONDAY – HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

\* THURSDAY – HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE & RECYCLE

**CURBSIDE PICKUP**

\*MONDAY ONLY – YARD WASTE AND BULK ITEMS

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** No pick up on Thanksgiving and Christmas day

Please place all material for collection **by 7:00 am** on the day of service.

Curbside items may only be placed at the curb after 5:00 pm on the day before collection. \*Exception, on the first Sunday of each month items may be placed at the curb after noon for Monday pickup.

Please use your underground containers. Liners may be obtained at Ace Hardware. Recycle containers may be obtained at City Hall. For repairs and replacement contact Jim Shumacher at 561-718-5888.

Landscape debris generated by a paid landscape maintenance company must be removed on the day of generation by the maintenance company. (City of Atlantis Code of Ordinances 8.3-9) **Questions, Call City Hall at 965-1744**